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OFFICIAL USE ONLYWEDNESDAY'S GALLUP POLL SHOWS MAJORITY  
CONTINUE TO OPPOSE INVASION OF CUBA

The Gallup Poll release for February 27 highlights majority opposition to a U.S. invasion of Cuba "to help overthrow Castro," even though a majority also regard "the Cuba situation as a serious threat to world peace at this time."

"Americans are slightly less invasion-minded today," says the Gallup release, "than they were last fall before Pres. Kennedy's decision to blockade the Communist outpost." The question asked on both occasions was:

"Some people say that the U.S. should send our armed forces into Cuba to help overthrow Castro. Do you agree or disagree?"

	<u>Oct. 1962</u>	<u>Today</u>
Agree, send forces	24%	20% ✓
Disagree, don't send	63	64
No opinion	13	16

Party Views The Gallup release adds: "Despite the partisan controversy which has been involved in the over-all Cuba question, the issue of invading Cuba is remarkably free of partisanship at the grass roots level." Opposing majorities are "virtually identical" among Republicans, Democrats, and Independents.

Cuban Threat "Some partisan feelings are evident, however," says the release, "on the question of the threat to world peace offered by the Cuban situation"--although not so sharply evident as on the earlier-reported question dealing with the Kennedy Administration's current handling of the issue, when Republicans reported more dissatisfaction (48%) than satisfaction (36%).

"Do you think the Cuba situation is a serious threat to world peace at this time, or not?"

	<u>National</u>	<u>Repubs.</u>	<u>Democs.</u>	<u>Indeps.</u>
Yes, is threat	59%	65%	59%	57%
No, is not	31	27	31	35
No opinion	10	8	10	8

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